

## **Specification Amendments:**

**Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 10-20 of the original specification with the following paragraph:**

--The present invention provides a collapsible crate 1 comprising a bottom panel 2, a top rectangular frame 3, ~~[[two]]~~ first and second side panels, 4 and 5, pivotally connected at opposite ends of the frame 3, and front and back folding panels, 6 and 7, pivotally connected at their respective lower ends, 8 and 9, to opposite ends of the bottom panel 2 and at their respective upper ends, 10 and 11, to corresponding opposite ends of the top frame 3, adjacent the side panels 4, 5. The crate 1 is foldable or collapsible to a low profile (see Figure 3) by ~~[[first]]~~ swinging the first and second side panels 4, 5 up toward the ~~[[top]]~~ frame 3, so that the first and second side panels are substantially parallel to the bottom panel 2 and co-planar with the frame 3~~[[.]]~~ ~~then allowing the [[The]]~~ front and back panels 6, 7 are then allowed to fold inwardly, bringing the top frame 3 and bottom panel 2 together, such that the crate structure is compressed into a compact configuration. The side panels 4, 5 may overlap at their bottom ends 12, 13, depending on the length of the panels.--

**Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 4-15 of the original specification with the following paragraph:**

--The bottom panel 2 of the crate 1 ~~is a piece which includes~~ comprises a base 15 which forms a bottom support for the crate 1, and a shallow border wall 14 extending orthogonal and upwardly from the base 15 forming a low perimeter wall around the base. The border wall 14 comprises opposite first and second side walls, 16 and 17, and opposite front and back walls, 18 and 19, as shown in ~~the figure~~ Figure 4. The first and second side walls 16, 17, each

includes include a pair of apertures, 20 and 21 20a, 20b and 21a, 21b, respectively respectively, wherein each aperture is proximal to a corner of the border wall 14, for receiving a hinge pin from an adjacent lower side end of the front and back folding panels 6, 7. The front and back walls 18, 19, each include hinge notches or recesses, 22 and 23, which extend inwardly from each wall, for pivotally connecting at the lower ends 8, 9 of the front and back folding panels 6, 7, via metallic hinge pins. Additionally, central hinge coupling panels 32, 33, form receiving panels which pivotally interconnect with pin rods [[35]] formed on the lower ends 8, 9 of the front and back panels 6, 7.--

**Please replace the paragraph bridging page 6, lines 21-22 to page 7, lines 1-2 of the original specification with the following paragraph:**

--Also, the upper section 24 includes L-shaped extending panels 36, for engagement with corresponding receiving grooves 37 on the lower section 25. The engagement between the panels 36 and grooves 37, prevents the lower and upper panel sections [[24, 25]] from folding outwardly and lends sturdiness to the crate structure when the crate is in its unfolded or upright configuration.--

**Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 3-9 of the original specification with the following paragraph:**

--Additionally, the lower panel section 25 includes hinge notches or recesses 31 at its lower end 8 which interconnect with mating hinge notches or recesses 22 on the top frame [[3]]. Additionally, medial pin rods 34 are formed at the lower end 8 which pivotally interconnect with the pin receiving panels 32 of the bottom panel 2. Likewise, the upper panel section 24 includes hinge notches or recesses 30 at its upper end 10, and pin rods 35 which

interconnect with the notches or recesses and pin receiving panels formed on the top frame 3, similar to the notches or recesses 22 and panels 32.--

**Please replace the paragraph bridging page 7, lines 18 to 22 to page 8, lines 1-2,**

**with the following paragraph:**

--The front and back walls 40, 41 each includes include a pair of apertures, formed in recessed portions proximal the corners of the top frame 3. (The aperture and recessed portions 43 [[45a, 45b]] are shown in the figure only for the front wall 40). The aperture on the walls 40, 41 are similar to the apertures 20 and 21, and receive a hinge pin from an adjacent upper side of the side panels 4, 5, forming a pivotal coupling with the side panels. The side panels [[4, 5]] further include a central pin rod, similar to the pin rods on the front and back panels, which pivotally couple with central pin receiving panel on the side walls 42, 43 of the top frame 3.--